

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action of March 15, 2005, in which claims 1-20 are presently pending. Each of claims 1-20 has been provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-20 of copending Application 10/708,287. In response, the present amendment cancels apparatus claims 1-19, and adds additional method claims 21-38. Concurrently with the present amendment, the Applicants have filed an amendment in the '287 application which cancels method claim 20. In addition, the present application now claims priority (as a divisional application under 35 U.S.C. §120) to the '287 application. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the provisional statutory double patenting rejections have been overcome, and further request examination of the remaining claims on the merits.

No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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